areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing scheme of Destination Development, while community participation and the capacity building skill upgradation in such Rural areas are being supported through GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project. The Central Assistance for infrastructure creation, which has been extended till now is enclosed as Statement-I while the Central assistance extended for capacity building etc. under UNDP project is enclosed as Statement-II. [Refer to the Statement-I and II appended to the answer to Unstarred Question 2914 part (c)]

Promotion of Bio-Tourism

2922. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to popularise bio-tourism;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether Government have surveyed important places of Karnataka including Medikeri of Coorg district, Mysore, and other places to improve them as bio-tourism destinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism.

(c) No, Sir.

Promotion of indigenous products at ITDC duty free shops

2923. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will insist that ITDC duty free shops carry only Indian tea, coffee and cigarettes;

(b) whether any study has been done by Government on ensuring how best to promote Indian goods and avoid foreign goods like tea, coffee and cigarettes; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that Indian goods are given a boost at the duty free shops of ITDC?